

### REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

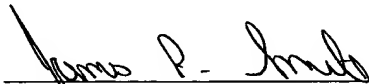
Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's comments and the cited references and responsive thereto applicant has amended claims 1 and 10.

Claims 1-7 and 10 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murakami et al. (US 6,134,816). Responsive thereto, applicant has amended claim 1 (with claims 2-7 dependent thereon) and claim 10 in the manner identified above. Specifically, claims 1 and 10 were amended to make more clear that the claimed arm is a **telescopic** arm (see applicant's specification, page 3, paragraph 9, for support of this amendment). In contrast, Murakami teaches a joint pin arrangement for an excavator booms which, typically, comprise static structures that are incapable of any form of adjustment. Therefore, the boom taught in Murakami is not, a can not be, a telescoping arm. For at least the reasons presented above, applicant respectfully submits that Murakami does not and cannot teach the applicant's invention as now claimed and that the rejection of claims 1 (with claims 2-7 dependent thereon) and claim 10 be withdrawn.

Claims 8 and 9 were indicated as being allowed by the Examiner. The applicant thanks the examiner for allowance of these claims.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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